

concern for those who have died because of his insurrection. A heartbreaking example was his initial failure to honor the fallen Capitol Police officers by lowering the White House flag to half-staff.

At a time when thousands of Americans are dying of an insidious virus, which demands effective presidential leadership and unity of purpose to defeat, the president continues to be focused solely on himself. Defeating this pandemic cannot be undertaken while we have a president who denies its existence and is actively encouraging violence to overturn a well-documented free and fair election.

Even after the tragedy of January 6th, Trump continues to fuel the fire of his supporters with his self-serving and dangerous rhetoric and to incite violence and distrust across America. He still refuses to denounce the insurrection and unequivocally call on his supporters to stand down from carrying out their armed threats against our nation's capitol and state capitols across the country.

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I cast my vote today for the safety of my constituents and all Americans nationwide, and for the survival of our democracy in the days, months, and years to come. In good conscience, I simply have no other choice.

HONORING PETE LOPEZ

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker I rise today in recognition of the service of Pete Lopez, who is ending his term as Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Region 2.

Region 2 includes New York, New Jersey, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and having someone with Puerto Rico roots in charge of this Region was especially important in these last 4 years.

Puerto Rico was already facing important challenges in the areas of solid waste management, brownfields, power plant emissions and Superfund sites, in a territory with very limited extension of lands and waters. Pete Lopez made a great effort to work together with the Island government, the municipalities, and my office, to move through bureaucratic hurdles, review prior decisions, and inform the stakeholders, in order to perform the necessary work to protect the environment and empower the economic recovery of our communities.

But it was the devastation created by Hurricanes Irma and Maria that resulted in the big-

gest challenge with damage to environmental control facilities, drinking and wastewater processing infrastructure, and the generation of prodigious amounts of debris that our overstretched solid waste management systems were in no position to handle. Puerto Rico found in Pete Lopez a tireless supporter committed to our recovery and to have our rebuilding proceed the right way. Prior to joining EPA Mr. Lopez served as a Member of the New York State Assembly for over 10 years and 6 terms. During this time, Mr. Lopez successfully addressed flood recovery issues; helped create jobs; and both supported and advocated for children, families, teachers, schools, businesses, family farms and more. This definitely prepared him for what he had to face during his tenure at EPA. He knows what constituents need and what are their concerns, and what local and state governments need from the federal agencies.

As he completes this stage in his career, I congratulate him on his achievements, recognize his great efforts and wish him every possible success on the road ahead. Thank you, gracias, Pete, for your collaboration and for being there for us.

IN RECOGNITION OF JESSE JAMES JACKSON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the extraordinary life of Jesse James Jackson, a Congressional Gold Medal recipient, a United States Marine veteran, and successful entrepreneur.

Jesse was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1921. As soon as he was able, Jesse enlisted with the United States Marine Corps at the age of 21. Jesse served prior to World War II training Black volunteers at Montford Point, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. After the outbreak of war, Jackson earned the rank of sergeant fighting valiantly in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged from service in 1946.

His service, and that of his fellow Marines at Montford Point, was recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal. I was proud to present the nation's highest civilian honor for distinguished achievement to Jesse personally. During World War Two, African American Marines served with courage and distinction, and they were instrumental in the integration of the United States armed forces. Their service extended to the greater civil rights movement, with many becoming mayors, lawyers, educators, doctors and in Jesse's case, successful entrepreneurs. Shortly after serving in the Marines, Jesse moved to Boston, Massachusetts. There, he ran a myriad of successful businesses and entrepreneurial ventures, including: Jesse's Fish and Chips, Jesse's Taxi and Slades Nightclub.

After a successful career, Jesse retired to Plymouth, Massachusetts. However, he by no means slowed down. Jesse was quite the jetsetter and was constantly on the move, continuing to live life to the fullest.

Jesse James Jackson passed away on December 13th, 2020, at the age of 99. His commitment to breaking racial barriers in order to

fight for our country will not be forgotten. Jackson's legacy will continue to be honored and cherished by our nation and the many people he touched throughout his life.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Jesse James Jackson. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his life's commitment to our country.

IMPEACHING DONALD TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, last Wednesday, domestic terrorists breached the security of our Capitol, desecrated the temple of our democratic republic, and disrupted one of our most sacred duties: counting the people's votes for president.

This mob acted on baseless conspiracy theories under the direction and encouragement of Donald Trump.

While they did not stop us from fulfilling our constitutional duty, six people died, including two Capitol Police Officers.

Today, we gather to deliver accountability; and it starts with the President, whose actions and words led directly to the insurrection on January 6th.

Make no mistake, the choice is clear: we either stand as guardians of justice and democracy, or as appeasers of fascism, autocracy, and white supremacy.

We have an obligation to defend the sanctity of our Constitution and lead our country toward healing and unity.

That does not happen by brushing the President's actions under the rug. It requires speaking the truth and doing the right thing.

If my colleagues are supporters and champions of American democracy and the rule of law, they should vote YES on this resolution, and show that attacks against our most sacred institutions will not stand.

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SPEECH OF

HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. PELOSI and our House Democratic colleagues who moved swiftly to begin impeachment proceedings against President Donald J. Trump for his role in inciting the deadly January 6, 2021 attack on this United States Capitol.

This impeachment is not about politics. It is about the President's failed attempt to overturn a free and fair election, a violent insurrection, and the ongoing threat this President poses to our nation.

For months, President Trump knowingly spread falsehoods about a "stolen election" in